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OMINOUSLY LONG

Received at Washington Late

Last Night.

But Several Features May Lead to

Further Complications.

Questions Raised That Were Not

Specified In the American Condi-

tions-No Cessation of Hostilities

at the Present Stage-Members

of the Peace Commission Will Be

In Accord With the President On

Washington, Aug. 8.-The reply of

the Spanish government to the peace

preditions laid down by the United

States was received by the French am-

bussudor, M. Cambon, shortly before 3

clock this afternoon. The reply came

mainder.

Fending the receipt of the reply, no steps were taken to fix a time for a conference with the president, as the time for that depended largely upon some of the features of the reply, and also upon the explicit instructions concerning the delivery of the answer, which usually accompanies a document of this solemn character. Neither at

which usually accompanies a document of this solemn character. Neither at the White House nor at the state department was there any official knowledge that the reply had reached Washington, and the usual office hours closed with no appointment for a conference. There was felt to be little lighthood over though the authority was the conference.

closed with no appointment for a con-ference. There was felt to be little ficilities, even though the ambassa-dor received the complete reply and in-structions, that there would be a night conference at the White House for the purpose of presenting the reply.

OMINOUS LENGTH.

Pending the official delivery of the answer, speculation was rife as to its contents. There was no further doubt that the length of the reply meant that Spain had not siven a simple and direct affirmative to the American conditions, it was evident that if the reply was an acceptance it was accompanied by extended discussion and probably by conditions. This caused

cluded all possibility of further discus-sion. All vital points were believed to be conceded—the abandonment of Cuba, Porto Rico and the Ladrones, and the establishment of a commission

QUESTIONS LEFT OPEN.

Late in the afternoon the president received an indirect intimation that the Spanish reply had come to the French embassy. A cabinet officer who was with him at that time said on

the Philippine Question.

OF AMERICA'S TERMS

GENERAL ACCEPTANCE

SPAIN'S ANSWER

TWENTY-EIGHTH YEAR.

SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH: TUESDAY, AUGUST 9, 1898

UNDER SHAFTER

Criminal Negligence In Ouartermaster's Department.

NO MEDICAL SUPPLIES FOR SICK AND WOUNDED

Battle Fought Before Any Hospital the United States. Stores Were Landed.

Impossible For the Medical Corps to Get Anything Landed or Transported to the Front-Appeal to Shafter Brought No Relief-Many of the Supplies Needed On Shore Sent Back to the United States-Praise For Red Cross Nurses.

Washington, Aug. 8.-Surgeon General Sternberg has received the following report concerning the conditions existing at Santiago. The report explains what has been done by the medical department and gives the disadvantages under which the department operated (in Cuba;

Tampa Heights, Fla., July 29, 1898. To the Surgeon Ceneral United States Army, Washington, D. C.

"Sir: In view of the recent charges made affecting the efficiency of the army medical department at Santiago, and especially with reference to the conditions prevailing on the bospital transports sent north with wounded, I have the honor to submit the following facts, believing that my position as ad-jutant to the chief surgeon of the Fifth corps, and as the officer in charge of the outfitting of the hospital transports Ironnois, Cherokee and Breakwater with

the outfitting of the hospital transports Iroquois, Cherokee and Breakwater will possibly give value to such report.

"Drugs, medicines, dressings, instruments, hospital tentage and supplies were loaded on the transports at Tampa in quantities sufficient to meet the needs of the Santiago expedition. These supplies were divided upon the various vessels, each organization having its own equipment. While the bulk of the supplies was with the organized hospitals, the regimental equipment was largely in excess of its needs and was intended to be ceiled in to supplement, if necessary, the equipment of these hospitals. The landing on Cuban soit was made as rapidly as possible, each he necessary, the landing on Cuban soil hospitals. The landing on Cuban soil was made as rapidly as possible, each organization accompanied by the medical attendants assigned to it, and troops were pushed forward with no other equipment and supplies than could be earried by the soldiers. Havening the same means of transportation for even fog no means of transportation for even the field chests, the regimental medical officers had absolutely no resources at their command except such as were provided by the orderly and hospital corps pouches and the first aid packets carried by the soldiers.

TRANSPORTS DISAPPEARED.

Havng once left ther shps the latter were promptly ordered out of the small bays at Siborey and Balquiri to permit the unloading of other ships. These partially unloaded ships, in obedience to their orders, then proceeded to sea from five to 15 miles, where they re-mained hove to. Such orders were given the transports correling the remained hove to. Such orders were given the transports carrying the re-serve and the first divisional hospital. The one carrying the reserve hospital, in obedience to its orders, proceeded to join the navail blockading squadron off Morro Castle, where it remained five days and nights, the other transports dsappearng. If I was correctly in-formed, for an entire week. During this time the fight at La Quasina had occurred and large numbers of sick and wounded were requiring treatment. In the meantime a report of the conditions prevailing inshore was made to the chief surgeon, who promptly laid the case before the commanding general, requesting that a launch be placed under the control of the medical department for the collection of medical supplies from the various transports. It was also requested that a pack train be organized, in the proportion of one pack mule to each regiment, to transport supplies—especially the field chests—to the front, for proper distribution; and I was suggested by the chief surgeon as available for the performance of these duties. curred and large numbers of sick and

NO TRANSPORTATION.

The exigency of the situation did not appeal to the commanding general, and for two days the medical department was unable to get the transportation of any kind to the other ships or to the shore, although there were a large number of mayal leaunches and boats employed on various other duties. On the third day, by order of the adjutant general one rowboat was turned over general, one rowboat was turned over to the medical department for the pur-poses above named, and at the same time an order was issued for land transportation to carry medical sup-plies to the front, "not to exceed one six-mule team."

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On getting into this boat with supplies from the headquarters transport, it was directed by sundry staff officers to take them on various errands. On my refusal to recognize their authority. my refusal to recognize their authority, their commanding general, who had appeared on the scene, positively revoked the previous order and directed, after the landing of the supplies alseady in the beat, that it should return without delay. Presenting the order for land transportation to the quartermaster on shore, I was informed that only pack mules had as yet been landed; that neither wagon nor harness had been brought ashore; and, finally, that the road was impassable for wagons. After this boat had been taken away the chief surgeon was without any means of communication with the medical officers on shore or on transports, or of finding out their wagts or remedying the many already remedying the many already known to him.

NOTHING FOR WOUNDED.

made for the sick and wounded brought from Santiago de Cuba to the United States on the Seneca and Concho. Everything possible, he says, was sent with the sick and wounded. The matter of shortage of water, he says, is inexcusable. He concludes his re-NOTHING FOR WOUNDED.

This condition of things remained until after the fight at La Quasina, at which time there were absolutely no dressings, hospital tentage or supplies of any kind on shore within reach of the surgeons already landed. The news of the Quasina fight being reported to the chief surgeon, he was finally able to get on board the Olivette and send her to Siboney, where she received the wounded. Within the following day or so the transports carrying the reserve and first divisional hospitals were found and unloaded of their hospital contents, the latter finally obtaining limited transportation to the front. After a couple of days' duty in the Olivette, I was directed to put the Iroquois la condition to receive palents and to take the full capacity on board. While doing this I was enabled to the condition of Page 2) the froquois in condition to receive pa-dents and to take the full enpacity on board. While doing this I was enabled to set ashere considerable hospital

tentage and supplies, and, having con-trol of her boats, I was able to visit other transports in the harbor and land medical supplies from them. While subsequently outfitting the Cherokee and Breakwater, this work was continued as well as opportunity and ilmited facilities permitted; getting supplies from perhaps a third of the transports composing the fleet. Outside of this it is believed that no other regimental medical property was ever unloaded up to the time of my departure. Appealing on several occasions for

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Appealing on several occasions for the use of a lighter or small steamer to collect and land medical supplies, I was informed by the quartermaster's department that they could render no assistance in that way, and the medical department was compelled to relyentirely upon its own energies and improvise its own transportation. I feel justified in saying that at the time of my departure large quantities of medical supplies, urgently needed on shore, remained on transports, a number of which were under orders to return to the United States.

WAS IN CASPER FRIDAY

TEAM FOUND IN THE RESERVOIR NOT HIS.

No One Has Yet Been Able to Identify the Body, But His Name Is Believed to Be H. Eccles—More Facts Brought Out By a Careful

the United States,

Had the medical department carried along double the amount of supplies, it is difficult to see how with the totally inadequate land and water transports provided by the quartermaster's department, the lamentable conditions on shore could have been in any way improved. Improved.

OUTFITTING TRANSPORTS. The outfitting of transports for the

The outfitting of transports for the reception of sick and wounded is a duty demanding thought and experience and should never be entrusted to any one except a regular medical officer. It includes the proper policing of the portions of the ship to be used by the wounded, the removal of bunks and partitions to give space and air, the utilization of the ship's blankets, door mats, rugs and carpets to render the bunks more comfortable, the securing of extra supplies, such as canned soups, lime juice and oat meal, the establishment of a mess and laundry and the assignment of convalescents to specific light duties which materially relieve the overworked hospital corps. Usually it is necessary to overcome passive resistence and opposition on the part of the crews and a tendency on the part of the captains to disregard or modify orders. In several instances in my own experience this action of the crew amounted almost to mutiny and was only to be deaft with by threats, a show of force and in one instance by the use of the irons. While exclusive officer at the hospital at Fort Monroe I learned officially that the captain of the ship Seneca positively refused to obey the orders emanating from your office, given him by the contract surgeon in charge, to proceed to New York, he remaining nearly an additional day at Hampton Roads with sick and wounded and asserting that he would obey no orders given by the medical department. A similar experience of my own at Baiquiri, which had to be settled by force, emphasized the fact that no one should be placed in charge of such a ship who is not accustomed to command men and enforce obedience.

With regard to the Red Cross society It would seem as if the lofty purposes

With regard to the Red Cross society It would seem as if the lofty purposes of this organization were on the Santiago expedition subverted to individual interests. While at Tampa the Red Cross ship State of Texas was formally placed under the control of the chief surgeon, Fifth corps, by Dr. Logan, the representative of the society, he acting under telegraphic instruction to that effect. Colonel Fope accepted this offer and asked that the State of Texas accompany the expedition of General Shafter. Although this order was fully understood by Dr. Egan, the State of Texas accompany the expedition, nor did it arrive at Siboney until the forces had been landed, a battle fought and, our hospitals established and in working order. The first offers made by this society death largely in generalities and minifested reluctance to subordinate the organization to the medical department. Too much praise cannot be given to the individual efforts of Dr. Lesser and the Red Cross nurses. Their working was untiring and unselfish and the assistance rendered by them was of great value.

In conclusion, it is desired to emphasize the fact that the lamentable conditions prevailing in the army before Santiago were due to the military ne-With regard to the Red Cross society

kind. Very respectfully, your obedient EDWARD L. MUNSON, Captain and Assistant Surgeon, United

SHAFTER NOT RESPONSIBLE. Inadequate Provision For Sick Due to Lack of Means. Washington, Aug. 8 .- General Shaft. r, in a report to the war department, mphatically denies that he is responsible for the inadequate provision

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States Army.

That Is the Belief of His Wyoming Friends.

Facts Brought Out By a Careful Investigation.

(Special to The Herald.)

miles from here has not been identified. It was at first thought it was the one W. P. Noble drove for Casper last week, but the messenger who visited the reservoir reports the team a strange one, and, in connection with it, the body of a man has been found whom one, and, in connection with it, the body of a man has been found whom no one has recognized, and it is supposed to have been the owner of the horses. There is quite a mystery as to how the team and man came to be in the reservoir, and there is much speculation about it. It is thought by some to be purely accidental, but there are those who persist in declaring there has been foul play. An accident could not have easily occurred. The road leading by the reservoir is not a narrow one, and to have gotten into it one would have to do it deliberately. The road runs around a wide bench, and the team seems to have been driven or urged down over an embankment on to the edge of the reservoir, whre there is evidence of a struggle. The body had upon it, when found, a little money and a small check, drawn payable to the order of H. Eccles, which was not endersed. It is therefore believed that Eccles was the man's name. A thorough investigation into the circumstances will be made.

WAS IN CASPER.

Was Seen There as Late as Friday Morning. (Special to The Herald.)

Cheyenne, Wyo., Aug. 8.-There is a strong belief here that the report sent from Lander of the death of W. P. No-ble, the prominent Salt Laker, and his companion, R. N. Harvey, is a mis-take. Mr. Noble left Lander with Hartake. Mr. Noble left Lander with Harvey last Tuesday, for Casper. Delegates who attended the Democratic convention in Casper on Wednesday and Thursday say they saw Mr. Noble there Thursday, and one person. Judge S. T. Corn, of the Wyoming supreme court, is confident he saw Mr. Noble as late as Friday morning. This being the case, it would have been impossible for Mr. Noble to have reached the reservoir, 20 miles northeast of the Shoshone agency, where the horses were found shot and a buckboard near by. Persons familiar with the country between Cas-

shot and a buckboard near by. Persons familiar with the country between Casper and Lander say it would not surprise them to learn that Mr. Noble was robbed and killed by highwaymen, as there is a class of men there that would kill another for \$50. It is known that Mr. Noble had a large sum of money on his person, as he was visiting his sheep camps for the purpose of paying his employees. People here feel confident that Mr. Noble and companion are safe, and will eventually turn up ait safe, and will eventually turn up ass

Ts Good Name

The report that Mr. Noble might have been the victim of foul play very much disturbed his friends and greatly alarmed his three daughters, who live size the fact that the lamentable conditions prevailing in the army before Santiago were due to the military necessity which threw troops on shore and away from the possibility of supply without medicines, instruments, dressings or hospital stores of any

LANDING COTS FOR FEVER PATIENTS

5. He left Lander Aug. 2, reaching Casper three days later, a distance of over 100 miles. As it is only 40 miles from Lander to the point where the body was found, he could hardly have been the victim. He intended to continue his journey from Casper into the Big Horn journey from Casper Into the Big Horn country, to be gone several weeks.

PEOPLE PERISH

FATE OF PROSPECTING PARTY IN ALASKA.

Started Up the Kuskokvin River With a Steamer and Were Over- Physical Disability the Cause, and taken By a Terrific Storm.

San Francisco, Aug. 8.—A letter re-ceived by the Alaska Commercial company, dated Unalasita, July 28,

Says Lander, Wyo., Aug. 8.—The team "Information received here is to the which was found in the reservoir 40 effect that an entire party of 12 pros-"Information received here is to the effect that an entire party of 12 prospectors, calling themselves the Columbia Exploring company, together with Rev. R. Weber, a Moravian missionary, his wife and two native pilots, i bound for the Kuskokvin river, have been lost. Not long ago Rev. Weber was asked by some of the prospecting party, who were on board the steamer Lakme, to go with them as pilot and interpreter, with two Indian pilots, up the Kuskokvin river. He agreed to do so, taking his wife and child along. On June 24 Weber met the party, who had a 50-foot steamer and two barges. They were at Goodnews bay, but were short one boat, which was needed to carry their stores. On July 27, the natives say, the small steamer, with two barges in tow, left Goodnews bay to proceed up the river. Soon after their departure a terrific storm arose. A few days later the natives reported a stranded barge ashore on the north side of the river. It was laden with supplies, all of which were appropriated by the finders. Later on a raft was found adrift. Nothing has been heard of any of the 17 persons who started up the river, and all are thought to have perished. The names of the prospectors have not been ascertained." of the prospectors have not been as-certained."

CONFLAGRATION AT BISMARCK

NORTH DAKOTA TOWN ALMOST WIPED OUT.

Hundreds of Thousands of Dollars Worth of Property Distroyed-Business Portion of City Burned.

Bismarck, N. D., Aug. 8.—Fire destroyed the best portion of the city of Bismarck this evening, licking up hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of property. The flames originated in the agent's office at the Northerp Pacific agent. Aimost before they were discovered the entire binding and the immense warehouse of the company were in flames. Oils and powder contributed fuel and before the flames could be checked, they had spread to the block of brick buildings across the sile; destroying the Tribune affice, Hare's hardware store and an entire row of buildings.

ware store and an entire row of buildings.

The flames then leaped the street to the magnificent First National bank building, which melted away in a few minutes. The Central block followed and the flames apread to the postoffice, sweeping over the entire block and carrying down the postoffice. Merchants' bank mock, Griffin block and all the intermediate frame and brick structures. The fire then spread norses and devoured Ruplic's store and the great part of the block. The flames also spread north into a residence block and completely destroyed it. Firemen were powerfess to check the inroads of the fire, which spread to scores of buildings, licking them up as so much waste paper. The origin of the fire is unknown, as no one was in the freight office when it started. It is impossible to estimate the The origin of the fire is unknown, as no one was in the freight office when it started. It is impossible to estimate the loss tonight. All wires are burned, the Western Union office being one of the first to go. The railroad office was also destroyed. A temporary cut-in was made to handle imperative business.

Every drug store in the city is burned, and all the groceries but two or three, also two newspaper offices and the great built of the business portion of the city, with several blocks of residences. Many people are homeless. The Sheridan househad a narrow escape, but was saved. The line of fire extended from the Northern Pacific tracks to Thayer street.

Georgia Negro Lynched.

Griffin, Ga., Aug. 8 .- John Meadows, a negro, who yesterday attempted to assault a little girl at Carmel, was cap-tured near here by officers of the law today. While conveying the negro to jail the officers were overpowered by a San Francisco.

a mob of 150 citizens, who took their prisoner from them, swung him from a limb and riddled his body with bullets.

Caine's Cavalry Troop Starts For Yosemite Tomorrow.

SOME ARE LEFT BEHIND

SERGEANT HAWLEY DISCHARG-ED FROM THE BATTERY.

He Receives No Pay or Transportation-Captain Jennings Applies For Barracks at the Presidio-Departure of Troops For Hawaii.

(Special to The Herald.)
Presidic, San Francisco, Aug. 8.—Today
the Utah troops emptled their ticks of the
bedding straw and burned it. They break camp and leave for Yosemite and Sequoia at 19 o'clock Wednesday morning, Aug. 10. Lieutenant Rimball, Sergeant Cotner and Privates Andrew Dowd, Hyde, Rich and Stevens will remain behind and follow stevens was remain benind and follow later with the mules not now furnished. Privates Estes and Loveless have been pronounced physically unfit for the trip and will be attached to some other commund for rations. Privates Luff and Peterson are still in the hospital and will be left here. Corporal Clawson, whose leg was broken at Camp Kent, and who returned to the troop today, will go to Yosemite.

HAWLEY DISCHARGED.

Will Receive No Pay, Transportation or Allowance. (Special to The Herald.)

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Presidio, San Francisco, Aug. 8.—Quartermaster Sergeant Hawley arrived here yesterday, having made the trip from Salt Lake at his own expense. He was examined by a medical board here, and the board decided to discharge him from service, without pay, transportation or allowance. This is on account of disability being incurred not in line of duy. The papers have been sent to Washington for approval.

Captain Jennings has applied for barracks for battery C as we are assigned to duty at Presidio. The battery will be paid for the first time tomorrow.

SOLDIERS AT PRESIDIO.

Caine's Cavalry Will Start For the Park Wednesday Morning.

San Francisco, Aug. 8.—There are about 750 men of the First New York volun-750 men of the First New York volun-teers at the Presidio. One hundred and fifty will sail for Honolulu on the steamer Mariposa next Wednesday. About 460 will go on the transport Alliance, which has been chartered from the Johnson-Locke company. Word was received at head-quarters today that the steamer had left Seattle and would be here in a few days. The remaining 250 men will sail on one of the regular passenger steamers to the islands.

changes in the commands of vessels the navy were announced this afternoon by Secretary Long. Captain Charles D. Sigsbee, who commanded the battleship Maine, when she met her fate in the harbor of Havana, and who has been in command of the auxiliary cruiser St. Paul since the war began, has been ordered to relieve Captain John W. Philip of the command of the battleship Texas, now undergoing repairs in New York. It is understood that Captain Philip will be assigned to shore duty, probably in command of the Mare Island navy yard at San Francisco.

AND DANIEL DEMPS

With Utah Soldiers. PAGE TWO.

PAGE THREE. Army and Navy Plans.

Lost Stock Certificates. In Railway Circles. A \$25,000 Damage Suit. PAGE SIX.

State News. PAGE SEVEN.

Financial and Commercial. PAGE EIGHT.

Marcus A. Hanna On Utah Politics. Lieutenant Wells Home. Zeta Vaughn Disappears, and Is

to the command of the Newark, Com-

to the command of the Newark, Commodore Watson's new flagship, to succeed Captain Albert S. Barker, who has been transferred to the Oregon on account of the illness of Captain Chas. E. Clark.

It is regarded by the naval authorities as particularly fitting that Captain Sigsbee should be given command of the Texas. The Maine and the Texas were the first battleships of the new American navy, both having been provided for by congress in the same appropriation bill. For years the Texas was looked upon as the most unfortunate vessel in the navy. Her fine work in Cuban waters, especially during the engagement which ended in the destruction of Admiral Cervera's squadron, has dispelled this feeling.

LATE NEWS FROM THE KLONDIKE

ONE HUNDRED PEOPLE DIRECT FROM DAWSON.

Brought Down \$100,000-Mining

Port Townsend, Wash., Aug. 8.-The from Skaguay, Alaska, with 100 pas-

of the lakes the boats were making regular trips. The party driving the cattle met with a serious accident at Thirty-Mile river, resulting in the drowning of a young man named Shannon, a nephew of Willis Thorp of Seattle, and several head of cattle. Mining operations in the Klondike are at a standstill and will continue so until cold weather sets in. It is estimated that about 2500 idle men are in Dawson, eagerly awaiting something to turn up. This number is being swelled every day by new arrivals strikes are reported.

SUFFERING OF SPANIARDS.

Countess Valencia Appeals to England For Aid.

London, Aug. 8 .- Countess de Casa Valencia, wife of the former Spanish

the alarming increase in suffering caused by the war. There are many thousands lying in hospitals at San Sebastian, Las Palmas, Santiago de Cuba, Guantanamo, without bandages or lint or even beds to sleep upon, owing to inadequate funds; and there are many widows and orphens who are many widows and orphans wh are in most urgent need of relief."

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THE HERALD BULLETIN.

PAGE ONE Blunders at Santiago. Spain's Reply Received. W. P. Noble Believed to Be All

Escape From Fever. Long Defends Sampson.

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Report of the Daly.

o'clock this afternoon. The reply came in sections, the dispatch first received giving only the opening passages of the Spanish reply. A few minutes later came a second section and they kept coming uninterruptedly by a procession of messengers until seven sections of the Spanish reply had been received at ten minutes to 4, when the last part was scheduled to arrive.

In the meantime, the cipher experts were at work, and by 4:30 o'clock they were abreast of all portions of the reply received up to that time and there was a luli of some time, pending the arrival of the concluding portions. It was thought a terrific rainstorm which swept over Washington about 4 o'clock might have occasioned delay to the remainder.

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Operations at a Standstill-Well Supplied With Beef-Many Idle.

steamer Rosalie arrived here tonight sengers from Dawson City, who came

from Skaguay, Alaska, with 100 passengers Mariposa next Wednesday. About 469 will be no thattered from the Johnson-Locke company. Word was received at head-quarters today that the steamer had left Seattle and would be here in a few days. The remaining 25 mice will sail on one of the regular passenger steamers to the islands.

Work is being rushed on the transports Arizona and Seandia and although it is the aim of General Merriam to have them get away next Saurulay, it probably will be Monday or Tuesday of next week before they can do so.

There will be no change in the designation of troops for the shipe and the Seandia and received from Washington.

The Utah cavairy, under command of Caprain Caine, will break camp early wednesday morning and begin its trip to the Seandia and Seandia parks.

The Vitah cavairy, under command of caprain Caine, will break camp early weeknesday morning and begin its trip to the Seandia stands. Her rapid-fire six-inch guns are ready to go aboard and as much woodwork as possible will be eliminated from the vessel and its piace taken by corrugated iron. Work has also commenced on the Ranger, the Adams and the Harrford. The Alert will probably be rebuilt on plans similar to those prepared for the Ranger.

SIGSBEE GETS THE TEXAS.

Washingten, Aug. S.—Two important changes in the command of Naval Vessels.

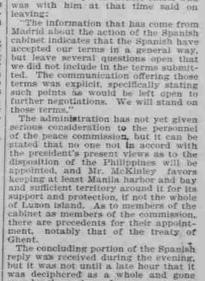
Washingten, Aug. S.—Two important changes in the command of vessels the navy were announced this afternoon by Secretary Long. Capitain Charles D. Sigsbee, who commanded the battleship Maine, when she met there with 55 head, for which he found a ready sale at \$1.15 per noon by Secretary Long. Capitain Charles D. Sigsbee, who commanded the battleship Maine, when she met there we with a serious accident each the party driving the cattle met with a serious accident each the battleship Maine, when she met there we have a seasing to the first particle was H. J. Miller of Seattle, who read the party driving the cattle met with a serious accident each of the lakes on the leakes on the leakes o ply was an acceptance it was accom-panied by extended discussion and probably by conditions. This caused considerable apprehension in official circles here, for while it was feit last week that Spain would surely yield in every particular, it began to be felt that possibly there might be another period of discussion and possibly an indirect attempt to open up a diplomatic ex-change on the nature of the terms. The prevailing view, however, was that the reply was on its ince an accept-ance, although not such a one as pre-eluded all possibility of further discus-

ng swelled every day by new arrivals from both up and down the river. There are now more people there than the country can support. No new

cupa. Perto Rico and the Ladrones, and the establishment of a commission to past upon questions relating to the Philippines. In the carrying out of this programme it was believed that Spain would seek to scoure an understanding on many incidental points involved, some of them of considerable importance. For instance, some doubt was raised as to whether Spain's acceptance would be operative until referred to and ratified by the Spain's acceptance would be operative until referred to and ratified by the Spain's notices, and it was understood that the reply might call attention to this condition. The same condition, it was pointed out, exists as to the United States, for a peace trenty requires the ratification of the senate to become operative. In case Spain's answer discussed these incidental points there promised to be wide latitude for controversy and delay unless the president and cabinet declined to enter the field of discussion. QUESTIONS LEFT OPEN.

Valencia, whe of the former Spanish ambassador to Great Britain, appeals through the London papers for contributions to her fund for the Spanish sick and wounded. She says:

"An official dispatch from Madrid, received this evening, gives details of the alarming increase in suffering



ment, notably that of the treaty of Ghent.

The concluding portion of the Spanish reply was received during the evening, but it was not until a late hour that it was deciphered as a whole and gone over by the ambassador.

No effort was made to communicate it to the United States tonight, beyond a note to Secretary Day advising him that the document had been received, but not disclosing its contents. It is probable that the reply will be delivered to the president before the cabinet meeting tomorrow, although no hour has been fixed.

There is complete reticence in all quarters as to the text of the reply, but there is reason to believe it is not an unqualified acceptance of the American terms, but is framed on the theory of accepting the essentials and trusting to a hoped for conciliatory spirit on the part of this government to moderate to some extent features which the Spanish government seems to regard as un-

ish government seems to regard as unessential.

There are no less than five translations, four of them cipher, in the trans-

SCENES IN SHAFTER'S FEVER-STRICKEN CAMP NEAR SANTIAGO.